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Cheryl Lister
Chad Moore
Kaitlyn Ball
Ronald Moeller



ATTORNEY
~~Tom Barnes II~~

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 7, 2025

Time: 7:00PM

Location: City Council Room, City Hall

EMPLOYEES
Emily Bessette
Mariah Shultz
Jonathan Clark

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato.

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Moore to approve meeting minutes from March 17, 2025, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

UCC Church

UCC would like to close the alley behind Casey's to the church on May 4th, 2025, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Motion by Ball to approve closure of the alley located behind Casey's down to the Church on May 4th from 1:30pm to 4:00pm with the use of City barriers, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

Ray Whittaker

Whittaker is concerned with the condition of south Kansas after the weather and heavy trucks. He has concerns with it being marked a truck route with the increased traffic. The street is included in 2025 street bids.

Maintenance

April 10th at 9:00am ProSeal will be in town surveying the streets.

Bretsnyder's work truck was taken to the shop, and a quote from Carbondale Tire and Auto was given for \$4,570.42. Currently the truck is unsafe to drive. Ball had questions on if

Maintenance could make some of the repairs themselves. After discussion the council would like an additional two bids.

A list of streets needing repaired was presented to the council.

South Kansas, Main Street, West North

Follow up on semi-trucks parking in the alley at Casey's General Store. The daycare has moved parking blocks with no parking painted on them. At the West end of the alley there is a no trucks sign so trucks should not be using the alley.

The council would like maintenance to get an inventory of signs that are faded and correct upside down signs.

Park Committee

The Jones Grant application has been submitted, results can take four to six weeks. The survey is about 60% completed. Mercer Zimmerman quotes were reviewed and discussed. Park Steering Committee was under the understanding that the walking path at the fairgrounds was going to be completed by maintenance but there has been no progress. There was confusion with the CDBG grant covering concrete for the walking path. Maintenance will get with Moore and Fisher for the ½ mile walking path layout. The walking path will be dugout and filled with millings.

Exercise equipment was put on hold.

City Clerk will order purposed lights, previously approved by the council.

The City Clerk will work with zoning to get a Conex box ordered from Hall's Hauling to store lights in. A 20-foot box should suffice.

The current steering committee has been working as public volunteers.

Motion by Moore to officially form a park steering committee; Heather Garrison, Joshua Fisher, Dawn Sitz, and Cheyenne Beckman; discussion on all final decisions and money goes through council, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Cheryl Lister how do you vote? Yes

Kaitlyn Ball how do you vote? Yes

Chad Moore how do you vote? Yes

Ronald Moeller how do you vote? Yes

Kevin Seals: Absent

Official Park Steering Committee:

Heather Garrison (President)

Joshua Fisher

Dawn Sitz

Cheyenne Beckman

Park Steering Committee formed, the clerk will get with the attorney for a resolution to be passed at next meeting.

Holly Hinck was present at the meeting who originally mentioned the park years ago but was unable to get enough people together to form a committee. She has done lots of research and found a company that would complete the project from start to finish at a reasonable cost. She advocated for the kids who need a skate park to keep them off the streets. Skateboards and bikes are not to be on City sidewalks leaving the kids riding in the streets. Hinck was told it was not in the plans for the first go round this year. She was told by the council that a skate park is too big of liability and cost. CDBG grants can be applied for yearly.

Lions Club

Mary Burgett asked permission to have the Farmers Market at the Fairgrounds shelter house using the east side of the drive. Motion by Lister to approve farmers market at the Fairgrounds shelter house from May 28th to mid-October on Wednesdays from four to six with set up time, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

The Lions Club would like to have a car show and movie night at the Fairgrounds on June 21st from five to eleven. They will be doing a Grease theme. The car show will overlap the Hope Against Hungers event and the Lions Club has been in contact with her and she does not mind. Motion by Ball to allow the Lions club to use the Fairgrounds and Shelter House for a car show and movie in the park from three to eleven on June 21st, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

The Lions Club is not available to serve breakfast for city wide cleanup this year. They will be donating a case of water. Cleanup is set for June 7th, 2025.

The glass on the community board at the post office is broken. John Ryan and Greg Burgett have plans on fixing it.

The sign by the bank needs repainted and they have plans to get it painted.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for September 27th with the Steve Kyle band.

December 7th will be Christmas in Carbondale.

Resolution 2025-1

Motion by Lister to adopt Resolution 2025-1 Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation plan, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Cheryl Lister how do you vote? Yes

Kaitlyn Ball how do you vote? Yes

Chad Moore how do you vote? Yes

Ronald Moeller how do you vote? Yes

Kevin Seals: Absent

Resolution 2025-1 Adopted.

Mercury Broadband Permit

Motion by Moore to approve permit for Mercury Wireless Broadband to perform underground boring within the City Limits, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

They will be starting soon, and it will take them approximately three months to complete.

Zoning

Fleming discussed a zoning permit that had questions from the meeting he was absent from. R1 and R2 zoning have 60-foot easements which are 30 feet from the center of the road in both directions.

Discussion on Fleming's position with the city. There are questions about an employee verse independent contractor. He would like to become City Inspector and fill the zoning board. More information is needed from the attorney.

Police

The council had questions about officer coverage. The City Clerk provided the council with the schedule she was provided with. The council expressed concern over not being notified that an officer had been placed on administrative leave. The issue centers around a lack of communication, with council members feeling they should have been informed in a timely manner given the implications for public trust and departmental transparency.

Executive Session

Motion by Moore to go into executive session at 8:34pm for ten minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Clerk and attorney Tom Barnes via phone, returning to council room at 8:44pm, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

The Council was in executive session for ten minutes with no decisions made.

Carbondale Rec Department

A couple of council members had requested expenses for the Rec Department. The council would like to get updates from the Rec Department similar to what the library does. It was discussed that maybe they could attend one meeting a month during summer months and not quarterly. The council would like to see rec meeting minutes or at least have them available. Tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

Fish Feeder

Consensus to post an ad in the newspaper and on Facebook for 2025 Fish Feeder position.

The City's current fish feeder would like to do it at the same rate as 2024.

Employee Reimbursement Request

Discussion on driving the cities Tahoe to events, the Tahoe is not reliable for long distances and continues to not start. The maintenance is down a truck.

Motion by Ball to reimburse Jonathan Clark for milage in the amount of \$204.56, 2nd by Moeller.

Motion by Ball to reimburse Joshua Shreve for meals in the amount of \$51.15, 2nd by Moeller.

Motion by Ball to reimburse Ashley Madden for milage and meals in the amount of \$140.09, 2nd by Moeller.

Water Leaks and Filling Pools

Discussion on not charging sewer rates for water leaks and filling pools. The council would like to approve on a case-to-case basis. No action was taken.

Off Agenda Items

The council would like to explore email options as the current service is not user friendly.

The council would like to get quotes for 3rd party IT services.

Extension Request

Motion by Lister to approve extension request, 2nd by Ball, City office to approve any extension request they deem appropriate up until shut-off day, motion carried.

Notes and FYI

Discussion on letter about the lagoons.

Bills

Motion by Lister that council looked at the bills, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Lister, 2nd by Ball, motion carried at 9:22pm.